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Sir:

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner objected to informalities in the specification. In particular, the Examiner requested that Applicant update the status of the related patent applications listed on the first page of the specification. Applicant notes that the status of the related patent applications has not changed since the above-referenced application was filed. In particular, application serial no. 9/413,862 is still pending, and the patent numbers of the other two related applications were properly

listed in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. Therefore, no correction is necessary at this time.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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